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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Duffy et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWER
CONNECTION IN A MODULAR PATIENT CARE
SYSTEM

Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Mendez, M.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

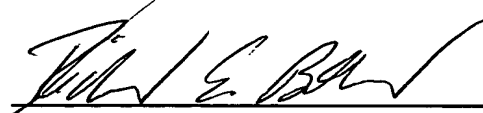
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated
March 9, 2000, be extended for a period of three month(s) from June 9, 2000 to and including
September 11, 2000 (September 9, 2000 falls on a weekend).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$870.00. Please charge the required fee to
Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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